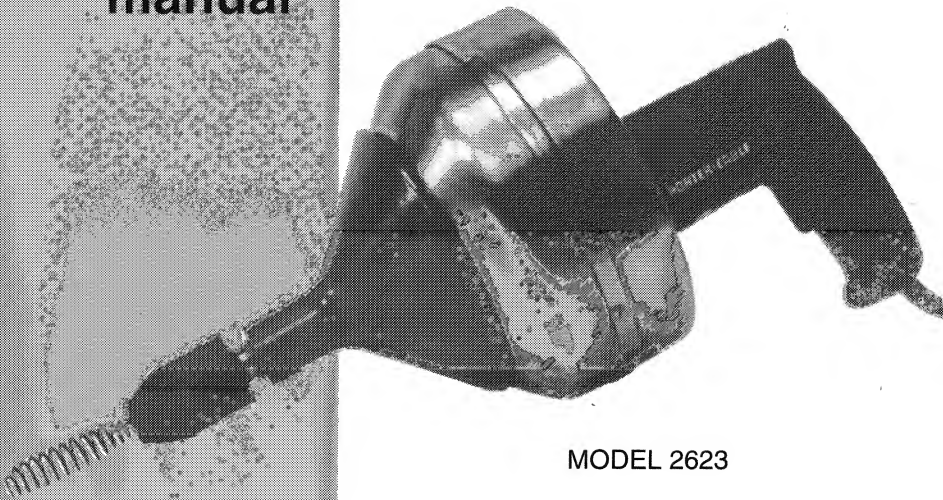


# Double Insulated Drain Cleaner

## Instruction manual



MODEL 2623

### IMPORTANT

Please make certain that the person who is to use this equipment carefully reads and understands these instructions before starting operations.

The Model and Serial No. plate is located on the main housing of the tool. Record these numbers in the spaces below and retain for future reference.

Model No. \_\_\_\_\_

Type \_\_\_\_\_

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

**PORTER-CABLE**  
PROFESSIONAL POWER TOOLS

Part No. 876869-394

# IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

**WARNING:** When using electric tools, basic safety precautions should always be followed to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock and personal injury, including the following:

READ AND FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS.

There are certain applications for which this tool was designed. Porter-Cable strongly recommends that this tool NOT be modified and/or used for any application other than for which it was designed. If you have any questions relative to its application DO NOT use the tool until you have written Porter-Cable and we have advised you.

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**POLARIZED PLUGS:** To reduce the risk of electric shock, this equipment has a polarized plug (one blade is wider than the other). This plug will fit in a polarized outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully in the outlet, reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician to install the proper outlet. Do not change the plug in any way.

1. **KEEP WORK AREA CLEAN.** Cluttered areas and benches invite injuries.
2. **AVOID DANGEROUS ENVIRONMENT.** Don't expose power tools to rain. Don't use power tools in damp or wet locations. Keep area well lit. Avoid chemical or corrosive environment. Do not use tool in presence of flammable liquids or gases.



THIS SYMBOL DENOTES DO NOT EXPOSE TO RAIN  
OR USE IN DAMP LOCATIONS

CE SIGNE EST L'INDICATIONS DE NE PAS EXPOSER  
A LA PLUIE ET NE PAS UTILISER DANS LES EMPLACEMENTS HUMIDES

3. **GUARD AGAINST ELECTRIC SHOCK.** Prevent body contact with grounded surfaces. For example: pipes, radiators, ranges, refrigerator enclosures.
4. **KEEP CHILDREN AWAY.** Do not let visitors contact tool or extension cord. All visitors should be kept away from work area.
5. **STORE IDLE TOOLS.** When not in use, tools should be stored in dry, and high or locked-up place — out of reach of children.
6. **DON'T FORCE TOOL.** It will do the job better and safer at the rate for which it was intended.
7. **USE RIGHT TOOL.** Don't force small tool or attachment to do the job of a heavy duty tool. Don't use tool for purpose not intended — for example — do not use a circular saw for cutting tree limbs or logs.
8. **DRESS PROPERLY.** Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry. Loose clothing, draw strings and jewelry can be caught in moving parts. Rubber gloves and non-skid footwear are recommended when working outdoors. Wear protective hair covering to contain long hair.

**9. USE SAFETY GLASSES.** Wear safety glasses or goggles while operating power tools. Also face or dust mask if operation creates dust. All persons in the area where power tools are being operated should also wear safety glasses and face or dust mask.

**10. DON'T ABUSE CORD.** Never carry tool by cord or yank it to disconnect from receptacle. Keep cord from heat, oil, and sharp edges. Have damaged or worn power cord and strain reliever replaced immediately. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REPAIR POWER CORD.

**11. SECURE WORK.** Use clamps or a vise to hold work. It's safer than using your hand and it frees both hands to operate tool.

**12. DON'T OVERREACH.** Keep proper footing and balance at all times.

**13. MAINTAIN TOOLS WITH CARE.** Keep tools sharp and clean for better and safer performance. Follow instructions for lubricating and changing accessories. Inspect tool cords periodically and if damaged, have repaired by authorized service facility. Inspect extension cords periodically and replace if damaged. Have all worn, broken or lost parts replaced immediately. Keep handles dry, clean and free from oil and grease.

**14. DISCONNECT TOOLS.** When not in use, before servicing, and when changing accessories such as blades, bits, cutters, etc.

**15. REMOVE ADJUSTING KEYS AND WRENCHES.** Form habit of checking to see that keys and adjusting wrenches are removed from the tool before turning it on.

**16. AVOID UNINTENTIONAL STARTING.** Do not carry a plugged-in tool with finger on switch. Be sure switch is off when plugging in. Keep hands, body and clothing clear of blades, bits, cutters, etc. when plugging in the tool.

**17. OUTDOOR USE EXTENSION CORDS.** When tool is used outdoors, use only extension cords marked "Suitable for use with outdoor appliances - store indoors when not in use."

**18. STAY ALERT.** Watch what you are doing. Use common sense. Do not operate tool when you are tired or while under the influence of medication, alcohol or drugs.

**19. CHECK DAMAGED PARTS.** Before further use of the tool, a guard or other part that is damaged should be carefully checked to determine that it will operate properly and perform its intended function. Check for alignment of moving parts, binding of moving parts, breakage of parts, mounting, and any other conditions that may affect its operation. A guard or other part that is damaged should be properly repaired or replaced by an authorized service center unless otherwise indicated elsewhere in this instruction manual. Have defective switches replaced by authorized service center. Do not use tool if switch does not turn it on and off.

**20. WEAR EAR PROTECTION** to safeguard against possible hearing loss.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

## REPLACEMENT PARTS

When servicing, use only identical replacement parts.

## **ADDITIONAL SAFETY RULES FOR DRAIN CLEANER**

- 1. USE ONLY AS A DRAIN CLEANER.**
- 2. USE ONLY APPROVED ACCESSORIES.**
- 3. USE ON GROUND FAULT** interrupted circuit only.
- 4. NEUTRALIZE CHEMICAL** drain cleaners before using Model 2623 Drain Cleaner. Chemical drain cleaners can cause a health hazard.
- 5. WEAR SAFETY GLASSES.**
- 6. WEAR RUBBER GLOVE** inserts and rubber boots when using the Drain Cleaner.
- 7. WEAR LEATHER GLOVES** when handling the Drain Cleaner cable.
- 8. DO NOT HANDLE CABLE** with bare hand.
- 9. OPERATE DRAIN CLEANER** with one person only. Keep everyone else clear of work area.
- 10. DO NOT IMMERSE** tool in a liquid.
- 11. VERIFY DIRECTION OF ROTATION** is correct for operation to be performed before starting tool.
- 12. DO NOT ATTEMPT** to change direction of rotation while switch is ON. To do so may damage interlock feature built into switch. Be sure switch is OFF and motor has completely stopped.
- 13. KEEP DRAIN CLEANER** as close to the drain opening as possible to prevent the cable from whipping or binding.
- 14. DO NOT OPERATE** Drain Cleaner with cable outside of the drain pipe.
- 15. NEVER FORCE** a tool and cable into a pipe line blockage. Let the cutter do the work.
- 16. REVERSE MOTOR ROTATION** to free a jammed cable.
- 17. CLEAN CABLE THOROUGHLY AFTER USE.**
- 18. REMOVE COILED CABLE** from drum before disassembling drum.

## **MOTOR**

Many Porter-Cable tools will operate on either D.C., or single phase 25 to 60 cycle A.C. current and voltage within plus or minus 5 percent of that shown on the specification plate on the tool. Several models, however, are designed for A.C. current only. Refer to the specification plate on your tool for proper voltage and current rating.

**CAUTION:** Do not operate your tool on a current on which the voltage is not within correct limits. Do not operate tools rated A.C. only on D.C. current. To do so may seriously damage the tool.

## **EXTENSION CORD SELECTION**

If an extension cord is used, make sure the conductor size is large enough to prevent excessive voltage drop which will cause loss of power and possible motor damage. A table of recommended extension cord sizes will be found on page 5. This table is based on limiting line voltage drop to 5 volts (10 volts for 230 volts) at 150% of rated amperes.

If an extension cord is to be used outdoors it must be marked with the suffix W-A following the cord type designation. For example — SJTW-A to indicate it is acceptable for outdoor use.

RECOMMENDED EXTENSION CORD SIZES FOR USE WITH PORTABLE ELECTRIC TOOLS

Length of Cord in Feet										
115V		25 Ft.	50 Ft.	100 Ft.	150 Ft.	200 Ft.	250 Ft.	300 Ft.	400 Ft.	500 Ft.
230V		50 Ft.	100 Ft.	200 Ft.	300 Ft.	400 Ft.	500 Ft.	600 Ft.	800 Ft.	1000 Ft.
Nameplate Ampere Rating	0-2	18	18	18	16	16	14	14	12	12
	2-3	18	18	16	14	14	12	12	10	10
	3-4	18	18	16	14	12	12	10	10	8
	4-5	18	18	14	12	12	10	10	8	8
	5-6	18	16	14	12	10	10	8	8	6
	6-8	18	16	12	10	10	8	6	6	6
	8-10	18	14	12	10	8	8	6	6	4
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## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

### FOREWORD

The Model 2623 Drain Cleaner is designed to clean drain pipes that are between 1¼" and 2" in diameter. A 5⁄16" diameter cable is supplied with the Drain Cleaner. A variety of accessory cables and heads are listed in the back of this manual. The following chart shows the recommended cable diameters for cleaning various size drains.

INSIDE DIAMETER OF DRAIN	RECOMMENDED CABLE DIAMETER
1¼"	¼" or 5⁄16"
1½"	5⁄16" or 3⁄8"
2"	5⁄16" or 3⁄8"

DO NOT use a cable in a larger drain than recommended; damage to the cable could result.

### DRAIN CLEANER CHUCK

The Drain Cleaner is equipped with a KEYLESS type chuck. To operate chuck, grasp the outer body of the chuck with your hand and twist it counterclockwise (see Fig. 1) to OPEN; twist clockwise to CLOSE.

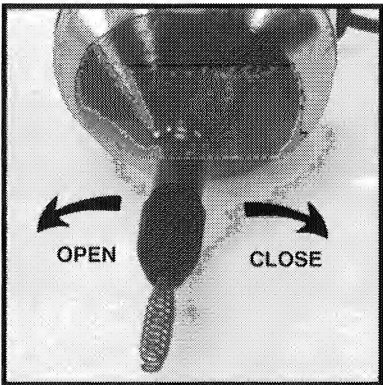


Fig. 1

## INSTALL CABLE INTO DRUM

**CAUTION:** DISCONNECT DRAIN CLEANER FROM POWER SOURCE.

1. Use a vise or a pair of pliers to make a bend in the tail end of the cable. This bend should be approximately 30°, and located about 1" from the tail end of the cable (see Fig. 2).

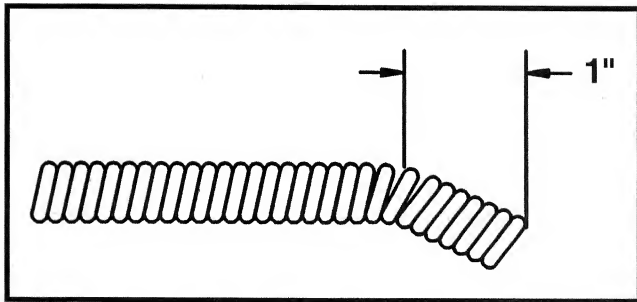


Fig. 2

2. Turn Drain Cleaner chuck counterclockwise to open.
3. Insert tail end of cable through chuck jaws and into drum. Use short (10" to 12" at a time), thrusts to feed remainder of cable into drum.
4. Turn chuck body clockwise to close chuck jaws, securing the cable in the drum.

## TO START AND STOP DRAIN CLEANER

**CAUTION:** Make sure TRIGGER SWITCH (Fig. 3), is OFF. Make sure power circuit voltage is the same as that shown on the specification plate of the Drain Cleaner. Make sure cable is fully retracted into drum. Connect Drain Cleaner to power circuit.

1. Squeeze TRIGGER SWITCH (Fig. 3), to start motor. Release trigger switch to stop motor. As the trigger switch is squeezed, the motor speed increases.

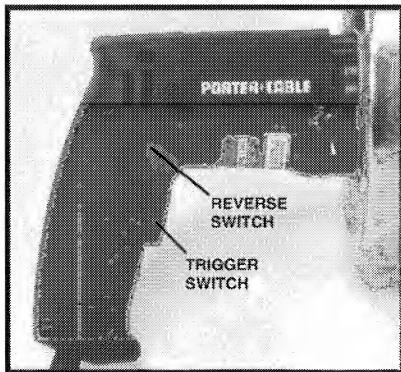


Fig. 3

2. The REVERSING SWITCH (Fig. 3), changes the direction of rotation. FORWARD rotation is used when feeding the cable into the drain and when removing cable from drain. REVERSE rotation is ONLY used to free the cable if it gets hung up.

FOR CLOCKWISE ROTATION: release trigger switch and allow drum to stop rotating, push the reversing switch toward the left side of the Drain Cleaner.

FOR COUNTERCLOCKWISE ROTATION: release trigger switch and allow drum to stop rotating, push the reversing switch toward the right side of the Drain Cleaner.

**CAUTION:** Allow drum to completely stop rotating before changing direction of rotation.

**NOTE:** Never attempt to change direction of rotation while switch is ON. To do so, may damage switch interlock feature.

## HOW TO HOLD THE DRAIN CLEANER

Place one hand on the pistol grip handle at the rear of the tool and the other hand on the hand guard at the front of the tool (see Fig. 4). KEEP CLEAR of the rotating drum while tool is in operation.

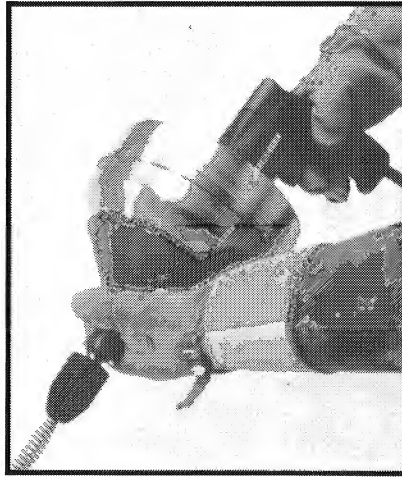


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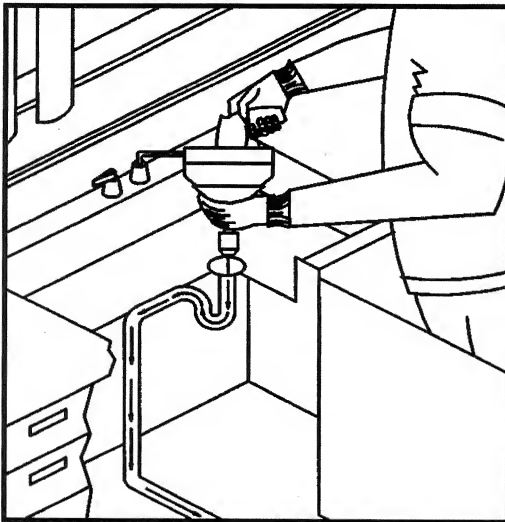


Fig. 5

## INSERT CABLE INTO DRAIN

1. Verify that switch is set for FORWARD rotation, and that the power source matches the requirements on the tool's specification plate. Connect Drain Cleaner to power source.
2. Open chuck and pull out approximately one foot of cable.
3. Close chuck lightly.
4. Operate Drain Cleaner at low speed while slowly feeding cable into drain.

**NOTE:** If cable binds; STOP the tool immediately. Set switch for reverse rotation. Operate motor slowly while pulling back lightly on the Drain Cleaner to free the cable. DO NOT operate tool in reverse for extended periods. Extended reverse operation can damage the cable.

5. Continue to operate tool at low speed while repeating steps 2 through 4 to feed additional cable into the drain until the obstruction is cleared.

## REMOVE CABLE FROM DRAIN

1. Tighten chuck firmly. Set switch for FORWARD rotation.
2. Operate tool slowly while pulling back to remove approximately one foot of cable from the drain.
3. STOP the tool. Carefully wipe the exposed cable with a dry rag. Open chuck and push the exposed cable back into the drum. Tighten chuck.
4. Repeat Steps 2 and 3 until entire cable is back in the drum.

## TOILET GUIDE

A Toilet Guide and Holder are supplied with the Drain Cleaner kit. This accessory provides a guide to help start the drain cleaner cable into a toilet (see Fig. 6).

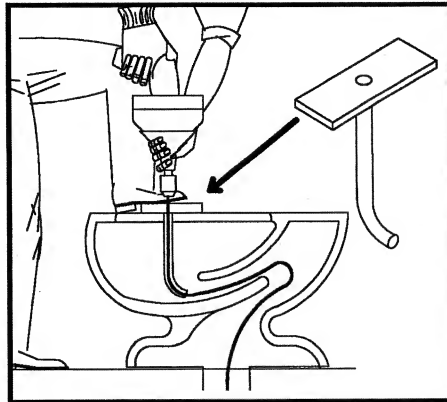


Fig. 6

## STORAGE

The cable should always be thoroughly cleaned and oiled prior to storing the Drain Cleaner.

### **CAUTION: DISCONNECT DRAIN CLEANER FROM POWER SOURCE.**

1. Open the chuck and remove the entire cable from the drum.
2. Wash cable thoroughly and allow to dry.
3. Use an oily rag to coat cable with oil.
4. Reinstall the cable into the drum.



# **MAINTENANCE**

## **KEEP TOOL CLEAN**

Periodically blow out all air passages with dry compressed air. All plastic parts should be cleaned with a soft damp cloth. NEVER use solvents to clean plastic parts. They could possibly dissolve or otherwise damage the material.

**CAUTION:** Wear safety glasses while using compressed air.

## **FAILURE TO START**

Should your tool fail to start, check to make sure the prongs on the cord plug are making good contact in the outlet. Also, check for blown fuses or open circuit breakers in the line.

## **BRUSH INSPECTION AND LUBRICATION**

For your continued safety and electrical protection, brush inspection and replacement on this tool should ONLY be performed by an AUTHORIZED PORTER-CABLE SERVICE STATION or a PORTER-CABLE SERVICE CENTER.

At approximately 100 hours of use, take or send your tool to your nearest Authorized Porter-Cable Service Station to be thoroughly cleaned and inspected; worn parts replaced, when necessary; relubricated with fresh lubricant, if required; reassembled with new brushes; and performance tested.

Any loss of power before the above maintenance check may indicate the need for immediate servicing of your tool. DO NOT CONTINUE TO OPERATE TOOL UNDER THIS CONDITION. If proper operating voltage is present, return your tool to the Service Station for immediate service.

## **SERVICE AND REPAIRS**

All quality tools will eventually require servicing or replacement of parts due to wear from normal use. These operations, including brush inspection and replacement, should ONLY be performed by either an AUTHORIZED PORTER-CABLE SERVICE STATION or a PORTER-CABLE SERVICE CENTER. All repairs made by these agencies are fully guaranteed against defective material and workmanship. We cannot guarantee repairs made or attempted by anyone other than these agencies.

Should you have any questions about your tool, feel free to write us at any time. In any communications, please give all information shown on the nameplate of your tool (model number, type, serial number, etc.).

## ACCESSORIES

The testing of this tool has been accomplished with the following accessories. For safest operation, it is recommended that only these accessories be used with this product.

**WARNING:** Since accessories other than those listed have not been tested with this product, use of such accessories could be hazardous.

<b>26230</b>	Replacement Chuck
<b>26231</b>	Toilet Guide Tube and Holder
<b>26233</b>	Short General Purpose Drop Head Tool
<b>26234</b>	General Purpose Drop Head Tool
<b>26235</b>	Drill Point Drop Head Tool
<b>26236</b>	Finishing Type Drop Head Tool
<b>26237</b>	Drop Head Extension
<b>26238</b>	1/4" x 25' Type E Cable
<b>26239</b>	1/4" x 35' Type E Cable
<b>26240</b>	5/16" x 25' Type E Cable
<b>26241</b>	3/8" x 25' Type IC Cable
<b>26242</b>	3/8" x 35' Type IC Cable
<b>26243</b>	3/8" x 25' Type EIC Cable
<b>26244</b>	3/8" x 35' Type EIC Cable
<b>26245</b>	5/16" x 25' Type EIC Cable
<b>26246</b>	5/16" x 35' Type EIC Cable

### Cable Type Designations:

E = Expanded End

IC = Wire Reinforced (uses Drop Head Fitting)

EIC = Wire Reinforced with Expanded End

## **PORTER-CABLE ONE YEAR WARRANTY**

Porter-Cable warrants its Professional Power tools for a period of one year from the date of original purchase. We will repair or replace at our option, any part or parts of the product and accessories covered under this warranty which examination proves to be defective in workmanship or material during the warranty period. For repair or replacement return the complete tool or accessory, transportation prepaid, to your nearest Porter-Cable Service Center or Authorized Service Station as listed under "TOOLS-ELECTRIC" in the Yellow Pages of your telephone directory. Proof of purchase may be required. This warranty does not apply to repair or replacement required due to misuse, abuse, normal wear and tear or repairs attempted or made by other than our Service Centers or Authorized Service Stations.

To obtain information on warranty performance please write to: PORTER-CABLE CORPORATION, 4825 Highway 45 North, P.O. Box 2468, Jackson, Tennessee 38302-2468; Attention: Product Service. The foregoing obligation is Porter-Cable's sole liability under this or any implied warranty and under no circumstances shall Porter-Cable be liable for any incidental or consequential damages. Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts on the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation or exclusion may not apply to you.

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